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Title: News regarding surveillance of India by American Administration through NASA.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (GHATAL): Madam, through you, I wish to draw the notice of the entire House to a very serious situation which concerns the sovereignty, integrity and national privacy of the country.

There is news that American Administration are having surveillance over India. There is news that India is under surveillance and NASA is doing the surveillance. In the list of the countries under watch of the American imperialism, first is Brazil, second is Egypt, and third is India.

We are under surveillance. The most astonishing point is there is a report that very near to Delhi, there is a post, there is a pillar, and there is a mechanism which allows the NASA to even know what Mr. Chidambaram is saying to the Prime Minister. ...(*Interruptions*) Be careful when you are talking to your girlfriend. ...(*Interruptions*) Madam, the point is NASA is even recording telephonic conversations, Internet messages, and also E-mail. Everything is being recorded.

Madam, I would like to know from the Government whether it is a serious infringement of the political sovereignty of India. It is a serious intrusion into the privacy of the Indian citizens, as also of the Government. It is a serious security hazard. There is nothing secret. Our Defence Minister having a discussion with the leaders of the Army is also being recorded. This is a serious onslaught on the sovereignty of India, just like Syria.

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SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA : This is a question of international importance. America cannot be allowed to become the guardian of the entire world and do whatever they like. I wish the entire House joins me in condemning this. I am demanding a statement from the Government and also removal of all mechanism which is connecting with NASA surveillance.

I am making this appeal to the patriotic Government. They should believe it is a slur on them, on the Government, on us, and on everybody. Let the House join me in condemning American action. I am demanding a statement from the Government immediately. â€¦ (*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER:

Shri P.K. Biju,

Shri Shivkumar Udasi,

Shri Devji M. Patel,

Shri M.B. Rajesh and

Shri Pralhad Joshi are permitted to associate with Shri Gurudas Dasgupta on the issue raised by him.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Rest of the 'Zero Hour' matters will be taken up at the end of the day. We will now take up item No. 7, and the hon. Minister to continue, please.

...(*Interruptions*)